

SOME MORE NEW LAWS

And How They Are Working Out in Practice.

We are printing this week our last digest of the new laws passed by the 47th General Assembly and are giving some instances of how these laws and new departments under them are working to the advantage of the people.

Automobile Fund Growing.

The number of registered owners of motor vehicles in Missouri is growing by leaps and bounds. Secretary of State Cornelius Roach reports that up to date the 1913 registrations, since February 1st, have reached 24,894. This is 515 more machines for the past three months than were registered during the entire twelve months of the 1912 registration period. The receipts for 1912 registrations, up to May 1st of that year, were \$78,869.50, while the receipts this year, for the corresponding time, amount to \$116,982.50, or an increase for the first three months of the annual period of \$38,113.00. All fees received for the registration of motor vehicles are deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the state good roads fund.

Mosby Making a Record.

Speed Mosby, state beer inspector, is making a record in collections of the beer tax. For the month of April he collected and turned into the State treasury \$44,424, which is \$1,000 in excess of any previous April collections. State beer Inspector Wilder's receipts for January this year fell down considerably below the collections of January, 1912. Then Mr. Mosby took charge and under his Democratic administration of the office the receipts have exceeded the receipts of any previous February, March and April by \$14,412.50. It's a Democratic way Mosby has.

Give New Laws a Trial.

And now it's the Full Crew Bill that is to be submitted to the referendum test. Along with half dozen other new laws, this measure does not please everybody and it, too, is threatened with the referendum in order to suspend its operations for a couple of years. Would it not be well enough to give the new laws a chance to make good? Give them a trial and if found to be bad laws the legislature can repeal them two years hence. It would be the part of wisdom to give a measure a working chance before condemning it.

Clothing to be Cheaper.

Under the new tariff measure, clothing will be cheaper. You will be able to buy a ready-made suit from \$2 to \$6 cheaper this fall than last fall. That ought to help reduce the high cost of living a trifle.

Minimum Light Charge Illegal.

E. J. Bean, attorney for the Utility commission, holds an opinion that patrons of electric light companies can not be compelled to pay \$1 or any other fixed charge for service unless their meter shows they used that amount. It is the universal custom almost of electric concerns to collect \$1 a month provided the toll by kilowatt hour does not exceed that sum. This opinion was based upon a recent decision of the Supreme Court.

Corporations Pay the Freight.

Jack Blanton says in his Monroe County Appeal that the Utilities commission touched a big corporation for \$10,744 the third day it was in existence and is going to be self-supporting. State Treasurer Deal has gathered in \$100,000 more for the use of public funds than has heretofore been paid. Secretary of State Roach is getting returns from the \$120,000 additional tax from a new levy on Missouri corporations. Auditor Gordon is going to save the State something like

a quarter of a million dollars through his new system of auditing accounts. Never in all its history has Missouri's affairs been so efficiently administered as under the present administration. More money will be available for schools, more money will be available for roads, more privileges will be enjoyed by the private citizen and more restraints thrown around corporate greed than ever before. Best of all, state taxes will not be increased to the extent of a single penny. And all these good things were authorized and made possible by a Democratic legislature.

Good Law for Railroaders.

Railroad men everywhere will appreciate the bill introduced into the legislature by Mr. Correll of Randolph county to prevent the use of dangerous and defective locomotive engines and to otherwise provide for the health and safety of railroad employees. It prohibits the use of any locomotive that is not equipped with elastic springs of sufficient strength to support the cab, firebox, boiler, etc., in such a manner that they may not come in contact with the truck or trailer box and that such springs shall be of sufficient strength to prevent the shock occasioned by the running of a locomotive over irregularities in the track from being communicated to the occupant of the cab. It is a well established fact that constant jolting in a locomotive cab has been very injurious to the trainmen and a number of serious diseases, common among engineers and firemen, have been traced directly to this cause. The same law provides for better heating equipment for the cab, better protection from inclement weather and other safeguards tending to promote the health and safety of the brave fellows who operate our trains.

Country Banks Can Handle State Funds.

The action of the recent Missouri Legislature in enacting House bill 590 into a law not only makes it possible for small banks all over Missouri to handle some share of the State funds, but likewise authorizes the treasurer to accept approved real estate mortgages as security. Heretofore the law has required him to let the money be bid off by twentieths. This made it possible, of course, for only a few of the bigger banking institutions to get a share of these deposits. In the course of time it might have been expected these few banks pooled their interests and offered a much less rate than had previously been paid and much less also than the treasurer had a right to expect. At the suggestion of State Treasurer E. P. Deal, a bill authorizing him to divide the funds into eighty equal parts was introduced by Mr. Barbee of Saline and promptly passed by both houses. This new law not only puts a part of this big fund in reach of the average country bank but will so stimulate competition among them that a much more favorable rate of interest than could otherwise be expected will be obtained. In this connection the farmers of Missouri will be interested in the fact that mortgages on their real estate will now be put on the same footing as the bonds of the government, state or city, and will be accepted as security for such funds as may be deposited in a bank which proves to be a successful bidder.

Drainage Department Active.

John H. Nolen, Land Reclamation Commissioner, is actively at work upon plans to protect a half million acres of Southwest Missouri land from overflows. Mr. Nolen has just perfected arrangements for the organization of the second largest drainage district in the United States. Preliminaries for the organization were threshed out at Sikeston

last week. The plan of land-owners is to build a continuous levee from Commerce, in Scott county, south along the Mississippi river to the Arkansas line for the protection of 500,000 acres of land located in Scott, Mississippi and New Madrid counties. It is believed that that the major portion, if not all, the cost of this levee will be paid for by the Mississippi River commission out of funds appropriated by Congress for river improvement. The land owners will construct the necessary internal levees, ditches and floodways to drain the land. The total cost of levees, ditches, floodways and other works will amount to more than \$2,500,000, of which amount about \$1,225,000 will be expended for levee building. Mr. Nolen is thus early giving evidence of the usefulness of the department created by the recent legislature that will look after the drainage districts and sections subject to overflows.

Big Balance on Hand.

State Treasurer E. P. Deal found the biggest balance in the treasury when he closed that department for the month of April that ever was in the treasury in the history of the state. The balance reached the very large figures of \$6,222,000. It would have been about \$7,000,000 had not the large amount been paid out under the general appropriation bill which Governor Major signed on April 23. The Governor vetoed enough items in the general appropriation bill to bring the State out on the right side of the ledger at the close of the biennial period, January 1, 1915. About a quarter of a million got the pruning knife direct, as much more will be held up and probably a half million appropriated will not be used, thus insuring the treasury against a possible deficit.

"Corder News."

Mrs. Henry Liese and daughter, Mildred, of Odessa are visiting relatives here this week. Miss Naomi Kramer visited in Blackburn Thursday and Friday. Misses Bernice and Elma Blase went to Higginsville Wednesday. Miss Nadine Jackson was in Higginsville Thursday. Naomi and Leonard Kramer and Miss Florence Kidd were in Dover the first of the week. Mr. and Mrs. L. Jones of Washington went to Blue Springs Monday after a few days' visit with Oscar Jones and family. Mrs. Nathan Corder went to Higginsville Monday. Miss Beulah Bishop went to Higginsville Thursday. Miss Elizabeth Free went to Higginsville Monday. Mrs. Stanley is visiting at the home of Jim Kidds this week. A miscellaneous shower was given to Miss Eva Holman Friday evening by a number of her friends. She received many beautiful and useful gifts. A light lunch was served during the evening. Mr. and Mrs. Berry See, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Kramer, Mrs. McPherson, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bunch and son of Waverly, Mrs. Carpenter and Miss Claudene Vannatter spent Sunday at the home of K. P. Kramer. C. W. Kramer spent Monday in Blackburn. Mrs. Ben Nevins and children went to Harrisonville Saturday. Mrs. K. P. Kramer was in Higginsville Saturday. Mrs. Stanley went to Alma Monday. Misses Eva Holman and Florence Kidd were in Kansas City Monday. Miss Mayme O'Malley of Higginsville spent several days last week here with her sister, Mrs. Hays Wollenman. Mrs. Sam Welliver and children are visiting in Mayview this week. Walter Hetter of Higginsville spent Sunday here with home-folks. The Corder base ball team de-

feated the Waverly team Sunday to the tune of 7 to 3. Corder will play Wentworth Military academy of Lexington at Lexington next Monday.

Mother's Day service was held Sunday evening at the Baptist church. The service was conducted by Rev. Coombs. Special music was arranged for the service.

Floyd Nowlin of Alma was here Sunday.

A large crowd attended the picnic in Concordia Monday.

Elba Cable of Blackburn was agent here Sunday.

Miss Florence Hitt was in Higginsville Saturday.

Mrs. J. W. Greer and Mrs. Wm. Carlton were in Higginsville Saturday.

L. A. Wollenman and Hugh Kidd attended the meeting in Higginsville Friday night.

Miss Nadine Jones of Higginsville visited at W. F. Leise's home this week.

Mrs. Steve Hughes was in Alma Saturday.

Miss Maude Payne is visiting near Mayview this week.

Mrs. John Buselmeyer and Miss Delia Leise were in Higginsville Saturday.

Mrs. Cleve Sims and Miss Eva Langley were in Higginsville Saturday.

Hugh Ashbury of Higginsville spent Saturday here with friends.

Misses Flora and Delia Leise entertained a crowd of young people last Thursday.

Mr. G. A. Frerking has returned from a visit in Excelsior Springs.

Mr. Schapperkoetter shipped cattle to Kansas City Monday.

Mr. Ed Cunningham and family returned from Oklahoma Tuesday.

Mrs. G. W. Postal left Friday for Mound City, where she will make her future home.

Mrs. Berry See and Mrs. Wm. Schultz spent Friday in Higginsville with relatives.

Mrs. R. L. Gaines and Miss Edna Corder were in Higginsville Friday.

Mrs. J. S. Miller was in Higginsville Thursday.

Henry Offel visited here the last of the week.

Mrs. Dave Wharenbrock was in Higginsville Thursday.

Miss Lula Ernstmeier of Kansas City is here visiting relatives.

Roy Davidson of Kansas City visited friends here Monday.

Frank Hill and wife of Higginsville visited friends and relatives here Monday.

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Ed Dankenbrung and family of Sweet Springs spent the first of the week here at the home of Harry Rodekohr and family.

Herbert Moeller visited here this week.

Geo. Dresselhouse and family left Tuesday for Kansas City, where they will make their future home.

Charles Leise, Jr., and wife were in Kansas City the first of the week.

Miss Ella Haas was in Higginsville Tuesday.

Coral Krodes spent the first of the week here.

Judge B. J. of Alma visited here the first of the week.

Waverly Notes.

W. J. Finley is transacting business in Sedalia this week.

Ted Gunther was in Lexington last Wednesday.

Arthur Johns of Wellington spent Thursday with home-folks.

Mrs. Lester Slusher spent Wednesday in Higginsville.

Misses Marguerite Landrum and Florence Cauthorne were guests of friends at Lexington last week.

Thornton Gordon was in Kansas City several days last week.

David Johns transacted business in Kansas City the first of the week.

Tom Evans was in Wellington Monday.

Ed Smith was in Kansas City

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